

CHAPTER 26
IOWA SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS GRANT PROGRAM

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283—26.1(261) State funded grants for Iowa high school graduates who have earned a specified number of credits in science and mathematics courses and who are enrolling at eligible Iowa postsecondary institutions.

26.1(1) Definitions.

a. Science and mathematics courses which may be included among the seven units required for grant eligibility will be defined by the department of education in its rule-making capacity.

b. For purposes of this program, a “sequential mathematics course at the advanced algebra level or higher” shall be defined as a course which requires, as a minimum prerequisite, two courses in the mathematics sequence.

c. The term “high school” shall be defined as grades nine to twelve.

d. Courses taken at the ninth grade level or above shall be eligible for inclusion among the seven mathematics and science units required of grant recipients.

e. Mathematics and science courses completed at Iowa postsecondary institutions under special contract with the school district and credited on the student’s high school transcript shall be eligible for inclusion among the seven mathematics and science units required of grant recipients.

26.1(2) Application procedure.

a. No later than October of each year the Iowa college aid commission will provide application forms and instructions to all Iowa high school guidance offices. Application forms shall be distributed to all high school seniors who have successfully completed the required number of mathematics and science courses or who anticipate completing the required number of courses before graduation.

b. Eligible students who plan to enroll at eligible Iowa postsecondary institutions shall complete the appropriate section of the application form and, if they are minors, their parent(s) or guardian shall sign the authorization for the high school to release the requested information to the commission or the department of education.

c. The students shall return the application forms to the counselor, who shall complete the school section of the form and mail the application forms to the commission by December 1.

d. Refugee students enrolled at Iowa secondary schools may be credited with an appropriate number of units in mathematics and science if, in the professional judgment of the school administration, the student has completed the equivalent of these units before immigrating to the United States.

26.1(3) Announcement of awards.

a. The Iowa college aid commission shall notify the student and each of the Iowa colleges or universities indicated by the student on the application form of the approval of the grant. If a grant is denied, the applicant also shall be notified. Such notifications will be mailed in January prior to the recipient’s matriculation in college.

b. Award approvals shall be subject to confirmation that the student has graduated from high school and has completed the required number of mathematics and science courses. Such confirmation shall be secured by the department of public instruction and provided to the commission no later than July 1 of each year.

26.1(4) Acceptance of awards. It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the commission of acceptance or rejection of the grant within 30 days following the date of award approval. The student also is responsible for informing the commission promptly of any change in college plans. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities on a timely basis may result in withdrawal of the award.

26.1(5) Certification of enrollment. At the beginning of the third week of each school term the postsecondary institution will be asked to certify to the Iowa college aid commission that the grant recipient is enrolled and in attendance.

26.1(6) *Payment of awards.*

a. Upon receipt of enrollment certification from the postsecondary institution, the Iowa college aid commission shall disburse the portion of the award which is due for each school term.

b. The grant payment may be credited toward the student's tuition, fees, room and board, or any other education expenses which are due the school. If the student has no unpaid balance due the school, the grant payment will be transmitted by the school to the student.

26.1(7) *Extension of grant.* Grants may not be reserved for future use but must be used during the year following the recipient's graduation from high school.

26.1(8) *Award transfers.* Upon the written request of the recipient by no later than 21 days after classes begin at the college to which the student has transferred, a grant may be transferred from one eligible institution to another.

26.1(9) *Funding.* If funding is not sufficient to provide maximum grants to all eligible applicants, the commission shall ratably reduce each award.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 261.2(9).

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